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SATURDAY'S R. R. MEETING.

The railroad meeting last Saturday, was not an overflow gathering due to the fact that farmers were unusually busy, but it showed the spirit of united effort and a determination to win. Several thousand dollars were secured mainly due to increase in original pledges and if we are not badly deceived \$8,000 more will guarantee the proposition. This week will be used in securing this amount and in transferring subscriptions from the first to the present proposition. Fifteen or twenty men from and near Columbia are now actively in the work and a good number of active men from nearly every section of the county have subscription papers and doing all within their power to make the road a certainty. Next Saturday is the time to report and to determine whether or not we will meet the proposition. Dr. Hunter and associates are bound to know, at once, whether or not we want them to build the road for they have another proposition which they are holding off for our decision which they will accept if this is not closed at an early date.

There is no chance for any one to lose on the present proposition and if we get the amount required by Saturday a contract will be made and work started at once. The importance of every honorable effort to secure the sum needed should impress every man who desires development of our commercial resources, who wants opportunity for the rising generation or increased values for the present. When the road has been built, when its effects are shown on Columbia and Adair county, or we should say, this entire section of the State, no one will regret any effort or expense given to secure it. If we fail to meet the present proposition it would be the most serious mistake we have ever made. Its failure would not only hold this section to the old order of doing, but would paralyze ambition and effort for a long and indefinite period and leave us far worse off than if we had made no effort to secure it. It is too important for any good citizen to withhold liberal aid.

Every body should help and help now while we have an opportunity to succeed. In the closing, after the bulk of the people have contributed, eight thousand dollars is a considerable sum to raise, but it must be done or we lose. Five men of this town gives ten thousand dollars to the fund and several others are on record for a thousand each. The citizens of Columbia will do a liberal part and ask only that the county people give reasonable help. The work is now on in earnest, the closing day is next Saturday. We win or lose, close the contract or drop it like a hot iron after that date. If you have given you had better increase your subscription a reasonable amount to make it a certainty. It is not safe to offer and risk the smallest amount that might possibly secure it, but to put up the fullest you are willing to give rather than lose it. If too much should be subscribed your pro rata part will be returned, if too little is offered you fail. Every body should get busy, keep busy and report in Columbia next Saturday at one o'clock.

No road, no pay is a safe proposition, and no road no progress for this section is a certainty.

Mr. N. M. Tutt and Mr. G. R. Reed have formed a partnership and will engage in the real estate business. They are both reliable gentlemen and will know how to handle the business that will come to them. They will office in the same room, in the Jones block, now occupied by Mr. Reed. A little later The News will contain an ad showing their manner of doing business. This partnership will not interfere with Mr. Reed's insurance business.

Dr. J. T. Jones, who recently moved from his home, near Columbia, to Glenville, was in town Friday. A News man asked him when he would return to his home near this place. "Oh, I don't know; the old woman is mad when we are out there and I am mad when here; so I don't know what we will do."

Mr. J. C. Strange and son, Sanford, caught three catfish late Thursday afternoon. They measured, 21, 23, and 26 inches in length. They weighed 15 pounds.

A Plea for Quicker Transportation.

Burkesville, Ky., May 28, 1916.
Editor Adair County News:—

In the days when Augustus Caesar was master of many Kings, outside of this, there were two things in his life that perpetuated his memory, "The Star in the East" and an appellation that he so often applied to himself, as the "Master Road Builder." It was necessary for the continuity of the domains over which he so boldly held sway, for a more perfect development of same along commercial and military lines, to have these different domains and possessions connected by a network of good roads, such roads as a Caesar could build, that stand to-day as an everlasting monument to the master man, in speaking of Gaul, "there is no good country without good roads." At the dawn of our Christian development a Pagan Emperor to give us this lesson should not be so easily forgotten.

Good roads tend toward a greater development along all lines, especially along the lines of least resistance, both from a physical and economic standpoint, I do not suppose any one will take issue with me for advocating good roads, no more than for the proper training and development of our children, the only possible difference would be in the modes or manner, all tending to the same goal, some would prefer the Public Schools to private, and while others technical to academic, same as road building, some cry for the Coffey law, the King Drag, some private subscription, others hallooing let the State and Federal Government do it, some lets Bond her, so we all agree so far as the roads are concerned.

Columbia is the best inland town in the State and Adair one of the best counties, the citizenship of either is unsurpassed, the only thing that has kept Columbia and Adair off the map has been the lack of transportation facilities, that alone will keep any country back or any people be whom they may. The Rapid Transit Company has taken a step in the right direction, and should be more than commended for the good work they have done. The next step and the culminating, is the railroad.

I have just returned from Columbia and spent a most pleasant week with my many friends, and while there it was my more than good fortune to see a good deal of my old friend and acquaintance, Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter, whom together with his associates offer to Columbia and Adair county, seems to me a Railroad on a silver platter, and I believe there are enough intelligent men and women in Adair county to see this and accept same without delay. I was associated with Dr. Hunter, legal capacity, in the street car franchises in the city of Somerset, 1906. Under adverse conditions and political intrigues against him, succeeded in giving to that city a street railway, water, light and other municipal assets, that she did not enjoy before. Dr. Hunter does things and if the people will give a helping hand, a band of steel will connect them with the outside world and that shortly.

Then I can close my eyes and get a glimpse of the future, to Breeding a good road, Jamestown, Liberty, Russell Springs, and in fact the county becomes a net work of the mater worker, whether by Bonds or otherwise I do not know, but I do know that the good roads are coming and that soon. The Bonds, or the Bond issue is the best, quickest, surest and most economical way to build roads. If the county officers or those having charge of the Fiscal and Corporate affairs are honest, business and painstaking men, and will well and truly see to the application of the purchase money, in this event if properly applied, the Bond indebtedness becomes an asset rather than a liability.

Here in Burkesville we are doubly interested in the outcome of the railroad and your good road movement. If the railroad comes Columbia will necessarily be our objective point. It is our best and shortest way to the outside world. We have an election here shortly submitting to a vote of the people Bonds—Roads or no Roads? We have an efficient County Judge and fiscal court, and we expect results. We are going to have good roads whether by the technical or academic route, so Adair get ready and meet us?

Yours,
W. T. Otley.

A Railroad Now or Never.

The terms of the proposed contract between a committee of citizens of Adair county and Dr. W. G. Hunter and his associates are substantially as follows:

Dr. Hunter and his associates agree to organize, issue their own bonds, make the surveys at their own cost, and build a railroad from Campbellsville or Greensburg, or some intermediate point on the L & N. railroad between said points to Columbia and put it in operation within eighteen months from the date of the contract.

The route for the road and the points for stations will be fixed by the joint agreement of the contracting parties. When said road has been constructed to Columbia and is in operation, they are to be paid by us fifty thousand dollars, and unless they do this they will not receive a cent.

The people at this end of the line are also to pay for the right of way. Of course, if the road is not built, there will be no need for a right of way. So, if we pay our money we get the road, and if we do not raise the money we can not get it. That is the long and short of it, and it is up to our people to say whether this opportunity to secure a road shall be lost or whether we will take advantage of it. If the road is built, it will benefit every part of the county, and every citizen in it. Therefore, every one should aid in securing it. We publish herewith the obligation which our citizens must sign in order to enable the committee to contract. It involves no complications. Its provisions are plain: if we do not get the road, we have nothing to pay. The money must be subscribed at once. Let every one—man and woman, help this enterprise. The paper to be signed reads as follows:

"We the undersigned in order to secure the building and putting in operation a railroad from Campbellsville or Greensburg, Ky, or some intermediate point on the Louisville & Nashville Railroad to Columbia, Ky., promise to pay to E. H. Hughes, W. W. Jones, Brack Massie, R. F. Paul, J. N. Coffey, Gordon Montgomery, N. M. Tutt, J. O. Russell and C. S. Harris, whom we hereby appoint as trustees and attorney's in fact to collect and hold said money and enter into contract for the building of said road, the sum set opposite our names respectively, same payable upon demand of said trustees, but same not to be due or payable until a sum aggregating \$50,000 has been in good faith subscribed on this or similar papers. Said sum is to be used in securing the construction and operating of a railroad to Columbia, Ky., and for no other purpose, and no part of same is to be used or paid out by said trustees until said road is constructed and is in operation to said town. When said road is constructed to Columbia and put in operation said trustees are authorized as our agents and attorneys in fact to pay to the person or persons, company or corporation with whom they may contract for constructing said road, the said fifty thousand dollars. If said road is not constructed and in operation within twenty-four months from date, this subscription is to be void and the money paid on same is to be refunded to us by said trustees. It is understood that the subscriptions recently made by us to the proposed Columbia Railroad are canceled and of no legal effect.

May 1916.

We have mentioned several times recently the immense poultry and egg business at this place, and there seems to be no let up. We are glad on account of the good farm wives and daughters that the business continues to grow and that the prices are satisfactory. One thing that an onlooker does not understand is, where do so many chickens and eggs come from, as many wagons loaded come to town daily. In the last three months tens of thousands of dollars have been paid by Grinstead & Co., this place.

We are not yet near out of the woods on our railroad proposition. We lack about \$6,000 in money and the right of way. This means much work yet. This condition should appeal to every citizen. Don't wait for some body else to do the work, Come forward yourself and see that the amount is made up, or else we may yet fail. Saturday is the day.



Oliver Popplewell.

The above is a good picture of Mr. Oliver Popplewell, who is a student going through the Lindsey-Wilson. In the month of May he entered in two track meets, one at Danville, and the other at Lexington—mile running race. He won at both places, defeating students from some of the best High Schools in the State. At Danville he came out thirty yards in the lead and at Lexington, fifty yards.

Up to the present time it appears that the people along the pike being built from Columbia to the Casey county line have done very little towards helping our railroad proposition. Can't they see the rest of the county is being taxed for their sole benefit? Does it not look like they are expecting to get the only pike to be built in years, and then the rest of the county also to put up all the money for the railroad, they will equally get the benefit of? Gentlemen along this pike, we ask you to come forward next Saturday and do your duty. You river farmers, come and show your appreciation for what you are expecting to get out of our taxes.

Left for New Mexico.

Last Saturday morning Prof. W. M. Wilson and wife left for Potosi, New Mexico, where the former will become the Superintendent of the public schools, that city.

Prof. Wilson's departure from Columbia was regretted by the entire town and he will be greatly missed socially and in educational affairs, having endeared himself as the head of the High School and Graded school of this place. He is a man of honor, possessing an irreproachable character, and having a disposition that wins friends from the start. Mrs. Wilson is a lovable Christian woman, a true Kentucky lady, whose graces will soon win friends in her new home.

The News extends to Prof. Wilson and his companion its very best wishes, trusting that they may have good health, grow rich in the goods of this world, then return to Columbia and enjoy the wealth that industry and knowledge piled up.

Mr. Romie D. Judd, this place, will finish at Georgetown June 7. Invitations to the commencement exercises have been received here. Mr. Judd is "Gifforian."

Mr. W. R. Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Todd, this place, who has been living away from Columbia for several years, has been elected Superintendent of the Stanford public schools.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will meet Thursday, June 1, at 2:30 p. m., at the church. There will be a good program. Please come.

Stabbing at Mt. Carmel.

Last Sunday a great many people gathered at Mt. Carmel, all-day services being in progress.

John Peterson, of Campbellsville, and Fred Gray, of Robinson Creek, Taylor county, were present. They were upon the outside of the building and it is reported here that they were both drinking. In the afternoon they got to fighting, and Peterson was badly stabbed by Gray. They left and Gray was arrested in Campbellsville, but was not incarcerated, for the reason that Peterson's father is the Jailer of Taylor county.

The authorities here were notified and Clyde Crenshaw and Nat Walker went after him, but before they reached Campbellsville, Gray had taken leg ball, and he is now at large. Peterson is said to be badly hurt.

Five men in Columbia have subscribed \$10,000 for the railroad. The town of Columbia has put down more than half the amount of the sum asked.

Mrs. Sarah Miller Dead.

Last Wednesday night Mrs. Sarah Miller, who was the mother of Mr. Frank Wolford Miller, died at her late home, on Green river. She was a victim of Pneumonia and was sick but a short time. She was seventy-odd years old, a good Christian woman, enjoying the respect of every body in the neighborhood.

The funeral was largely attended and the interment was at Tabernacle church.

Every representative farmer in Adair county should be here next Saturday.

Died in Taylor County.

Last Saturday morning Mr. W. S. Tandy, who was a brother of Mr. R. E. Tandy, this place, died at his late home, six miles from Campbellsville, on Lebanon pike. He was about eighty years old and had been a local Baptist preacher for many years. The funeral services were held Sunday. Mr. R. E. Tandy was in attendance.

Show your interest in the railroad by being in Columbia next Saturday.

The Parlor Circle theater will be removed from its present location to the second story of the building in which Mr. J. F. Patteson and Mr. L. M. Young are now doing business. The apartment is much larger and the ceiling higher than at the present location. Workmen are now elevating the floor and making other alterations necessary for the show business. The show will probably be in operation at the new place the latter part of the first week in June.

Everything looks good for the railroad proposition. Five or six thousand dollars will not deter the people of Adair county.

In last week's issue we reported that Mrs. M. H. Rhorer, of Middlesboro, had received a fall at Lebanon and was seriously injured. Later information is to effect that Mrs. Rhorer was not as badly hurt as was reported, and that the indications point to her early recovery. She was visiting her daughter when the accident occurred. Mrs. Rhorer's Columbia friends are glad to learn of so favorable information concerning her condition.

L. M. Young's fountain is now being installed. He will be ready for business in a few days.

Miss Hattie Mullinix, who is a grand daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Mullinix, this place, is Valedictorian and winner of Wineman Gold Medal, of Union High School, at Oxnard, Cal. Her brother, James, is Salutatorian, being second winner of highest honors. Graduation takes place June 8th, 1916. There are 100 High school students in the school.

Next Saturday will decide whether the survey will commence at once.

Farmers report that wheat has come out wonderfully since the rain, last week. Before the rain the heads were small, but now they are large and full. It now looks like an average crop will be harvested.